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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 through 13 (Cancelled)

- 14. (Original) An intracranial aspiration catheter, comprising: an elongate, flexible tubular body, having a proximal end, a distal end, and an aspiration lumen extending therethrough;
- a distal section on the body in which the aspiration lumen is movable between a first, reduced inside diameter for transluminal navigation and a second, enlarged inside diameter for aspirating material;
- a support for controllably supporting the aspiration lumen against collapse when in the second diameter; and
 - a control on the proximal end of the catheter for controlling the support.
- 15. (Original) An intracranial aspiration catheter as in Claim 14, wherein the support comprises a spiral element.
- 16. (Original) An intracranial aspiration catheter as in Claim 15, wherein the support comprises a spring coil.
- 17. (Original) An intracranial aspiration catheter as in Claim 14, wherein the support is axially movable.
- 18. (Original) An intracranial aspiration catheter as in Claim 14, wherein the support is activated by rotating a first end of the support relative to a second end of the support.
- 19. (Original) An intracranial aspiration catheter as in Claim 14, wherein the aspiration lumen is defined within a tubular wall having a plurality of folds therein when the aspiration lumen is in the first inside diameter configuration.
- 20. (Original) An intracranial aspiration catheter as in Claim 14, wherein the aspiration lumen is defined within a stretchable tubular wall.

Claims 21 through 36 (Cancelled)